# COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY KENTUCKY BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGY AGENCY CASE NOS. 06-11, 06-12, AND 06-13

KENTUCKY BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGY

**COMPLAINANT** 

V.

# **ORDER**

KENNETH A. BRASEL, SR., M.A. (Temporarily Licensed Psychological Associate, No. 2007-04)

RESPONDENT

The Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology having met on July 17, 2008, and having considered and voted to approve the Settlement Agreement in the above-referenced matter hereby affirms, adopts and incorporates the Settlement Agreement attached hereto as its own.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2008.

Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology

By:

S. Abby Shapiro, Ph.D. Chair, Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology

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Copies sent this the 28th day of July, 2008, to:

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Commonwealth of Kentucky, Board of Examiners of Psychology

Complainant

# v. Settlement Agreement – Permanent Denial of Licensure

Kenneth A. Brasel, Sr., M.A. (Temporarily licensed Psychological Associate, No. 2006-04)

Respondent

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Whereas, the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology ("Board") having issued a Notice of Administrative Hearing and Order filed March 4, 2008, against Kenneth A. Brasel, Sr., M.A., 210 Augusta Circle, Glasgow, Kentucky 42141 ("Respondent"), and;

Whereas, for the purposes of this Settlement Agreement, the Respondent admits that the Board would prove by a preponderance of the evidence at a hearing before the Board:

That the Respondent violated KRS 319.082(1)(a) and (m) for having been convicted of felonies in 1991 in Tennessee.

Whereas, the parties mutually desire to settle the matter in an expeditious manner without resorting to a disciplinary hearing; and

It is hereby stipulated and agreed between the undersigned parties that this matter shall be settled and resolved as follows:

#### Jurisdiction

The Respondent acknowledges the Board has jurisdiction over the Respondent and the conduct which has precipitated this Settlement Agreement.

The Respondent acknowledges the Board has the legal power and authority to take disciplinary action up to and including revocation of the Respondent's credential.

The Respondent acknowledges the Board will retain jurisdiction over this matter until all terms and conditions set forth in this Settlement Agreement have been met to the satisfaction of the Board. The Respondent expressly indemnifies the Board for any costs incurred, including reasonable attorney fees, in enforcing any provision of this Settlement Agreement should the Board determine the Respondent has not met any term of this Settlement Agreement after notice and opportunity to be heard.

### Voluntary Waiver of Rights

The Respondent has had the opportunity at all times to seek the advice from competent counsel of choice. No coercion has been exerted upon the Respondent, nor have any promises been made other than those reflected in this Settlement Agreement. The Respondent has freely and voluntarily entered into this Settlement Agreement, motivated only by a desire to resolve the issues addressed herein. The Respondent has executed this Settlement Agreement only after a careful reading of it and a full understanding of all of its terms.

The Respondent is fully aware of the Respondent's rights to contest charges in a formal hearing. These rights include: representation by an attorney at the Respondent's own expense, the right to a public hearing on any charges or allegations filed, the right to confront and cross-examine witnesses called to testify against the Respondent, the right to present evidence on the Respondent's own behalf, the right to compulsory process to secure the attendance of such witnesses, the right to testify on the Respondent's own behalf, the right to receive written findings of fact and conclusions of law supporting the decision on the merits of the Formal

Complaint, the right to obtain judicial review of the Board's decision, and the right to appeal any final order of the Board to the Franklin Circuit Court as otherwise allowed by KRS 319.092(7).

All of these rights are being voluntarily waived by the Respondent in exchange for the Board's acceptance of this Settlement Agreement.

#### Costs

The Board and the Respondent shall each bear their own costs incurred in this matter.

# Effect Upon Credential Status: Permanent Denial of Licensure

The Respondent hereby agrees to the following disciplinary action:

- 1) The Respondent's application for a credential to practice psychology in the Commonwealth of Kentucky shall be permanently denied by the Board, and the Respondent shall not apply again in the future for any credential from the Board;
- 2) the Respondent shall return the Respondent's psychology license and current renewal card, if any, to the Board on or before August 1, 2008, to the following address:

ATTN: Julie Jackson, Board Administrator Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology Post Office Box 1360 Frankfort, Kentucky 40602-1360.

## Resolution of Pending Charges

The parties agree that the charges in the Board's Notice of Administrative Hearing and Order filed March 4, 2008, are hereby resolved, pending only the approval of this Settlement Agreement by a majority vote of the Board.

# Release of Liability

In consideration of execution of this Settlement Agreement, the Respondent, for the Respondent individually, the Respondent's executors, administrators, successors and assigns,

hereby releases and forever discharges the Commonwealth of Kentucky, Kentucky Board of Psychology, Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology, and the Kentucky Attorney General, and each of their members, agents and employees in their individual and representative capacities, from any and all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, judgments, executions, claims and demands whatsoever, known and unknown, in law or equity, that Respondent ever had, now has, may have or claim to have against any or all of the persons or entities named in this paragraph arising out of or by reason of this investigation, this Settlement Agreement, or its administration.

#### Acceptance by the Board

This Settlement Agreement, when executed by the Respondent, shall be presented to the Kentucky Board of Examiners of Psychology at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board following receipt of the executed Settlement Agreement. The Settlement Agreement shall not become effective until it has been approved by a majority of the Board and endorsed by the Chair of the Board.

The Respondent understands the Board is free to accept or reject this Settlement Agreement. The Respondent hereby agrees to waive any right the Respondent might have to challenge, based solely on the presentation of this Settlement Agreement to the Board, the impartiality of the Board to hear this administrative action if, after review by the Board, this Settlement Agreement is rejected.

If the Settlement Agreement is not accepted by the Board, it shall be regarded as null and void. Representations and/or admissions by the Respondent in the Settlement Agreement, or other settlement proposals, will not be regarded as evidence against the Respondent at any

subsequent disciplinary hearing. The Respondent will be free to defend and no inferences against the Respondent will be made from the willingness to have entered into this Settlement Agreement.

#### **Open Records**

The Respondent acknowledges this Settlement Agreement is subject to disclosure under the Kentucky Open Records Act, may be shared with any professional organization or licensing Board as the Board deems appropriate in its discretion, and shall be made public according to KRS 319.092(6) and 201 KAR 26:140 §12, and may be reported in accord with federal law.

#### **Complete Agreement**

This Settlement Agreement and Order consists of five (5) pages and a sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) signature page, and embodies the entire agreement between the Board and the Respondent. This Settlement Agreement shall constitute a binding contract between the Respondent and the Board, subject only to approval by the Board as set forth above. The Respondent shall not rescind, revoke, or withdraw this Settlement Agreement prior to its presentation to the Board at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board. It may not be altered, amended or modified without the express written consent of both parties.

### Have Seen, Understood and Approved:

Kenneth A. Brasel, Sr., M.A. 210 Augusta Circle Glasgow, Kentucky 42141 Respondent

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Date: July 17, 2008